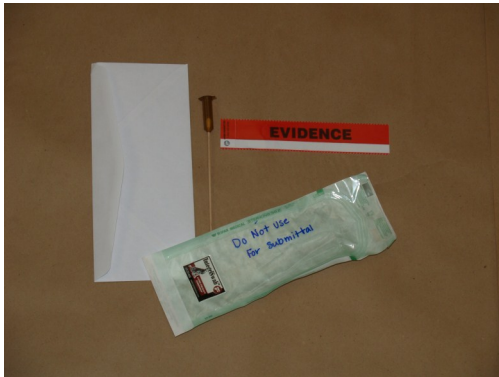


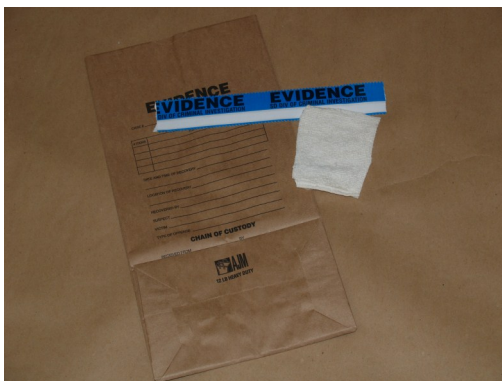
# BIOLOGY



Sterile swabs inside a swab-head tube can be moistened with a drop of water to collect dry stains. Package swabs in paper envelope.



Sterile swabs that are used to collect biological samples can also be packaged in a swab carton.



Use paper bags to package other items with dried biological stains.



Do not use DNA Database Collection kits to collect known reference samples for casework.

## Points of Interest

- Transport evidence the same day, if possible, or within 48 hours.
- A swab taken from the cheek inside the mouth is a buccal swab. Do not label any other swab sample as a buccal; they are a "swab".
- Don't freeze if a fingerprint exam is requested or if the item is metal.
- Semen or saliva samples on fabric swatch or swab may be packaged in the same manner as blood.
- Protect from sunlight, heat, and humidity to prevent sample from degrading.
- Keep evidence in a cool dry area after collection and during transport.
- Do not package in plastic or zip lock bags.
- If sample is on small object or clothing, package entire article.
- Known reference samples can be collected by rubbing sterile swabs against the cheek inside of the mouth. Air dry and package in paper envelopes or swab containers.